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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR REGIONAL SEMINAR
ON APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN ROAD
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

SUMMARY: ADB MANAGEMENT PROPOSES \$33,500 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(TA) GRANT FOR THE CO-SPONSORING OF A REGIONAL SEMINAR ON
THE APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN ROAD
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, TO BE HELD IN MANILA IN
MAY 1977. USADB SUPPORTS PROPOSAL AND RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE
NAC ACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. ADB DOCUMENT NO. R21-77 DESCRIBING SUBJECT PROPOSAL
POUCHED ADDRESSEES MARCH 9. BOARD DISCUSSION SCHEDULED FOR
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2. AT MEETING BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF BANK AND INTERNATIONAL
LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO) HELD IN DECEMBER, ILO MADE
REFERENCE TO A REGIONAL SEMINAR ON APPLICATION OF
APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY (AT) IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION
(DEFINED TO MEAN AN APPROPRIATE BALANCE BETWEEN LABOR-
INTENSIVE AND EQUIPMENT-INTENSIVE TECHNOLOGIES) TO BE

ORGANIZED BY ILO IN MANILA IN MAY 1977 UNDER FINANCING BY SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SIDA). BANK EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CO-SPONSORING SEMINAR AND SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED APPROVAL OF BANK CO-SPONSORSHIP FROM ILO AND SIDA.

3. ROAD CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN ACCORDED SPECIAL ATTENTION BY ILO AS PART OF ITS WORLD EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM STARTED IN 1969. ONE PURPOSE OF PROPOSED SEMINAR WOULD BE TO DISSEMINATE RESULTS OF ILO SPECIAL STUDIES OF LABOR ASPECTS OF ROAD BUILDING IN VARIOUS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FROM BANK'S VIEWPOINT, SEMINAR IS PARTICULARLY TIMELY, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF GENERALLY INCREASED INTEREST IN AT, BUT ALSO INCREASING EMPHASIS ON FINANCING OF SECONDARY AND FEEDER ROADS AND ON ROAD MAINTENANCE WITH GRADUAL COMPLETION OF BANK'S ONGOING ROAD PROJECTS. THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE BELIEVED TO OFFER INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR APPLICATION OF LABOR-INTENSIVE TECHNIQUES.

4. PROPOSED SEMINAR IS DESIGNED TO EXAMINE, DISCUSS AND ANALYZE VARIOUS CONSIDERATIONS - TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC, MANAGERIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL- RELATED TO USE OF MORE LABOR-INTENSIVE METHODS OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION. SENIOR OFFICIALS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS OF ABOUT 29 OF BANK'S DMCS, PLUS IRAN, ARE EXPECTED PARTICIPATE. OBJECTIVES OF SEMINAR ARE TO:

- (A) DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON USE OF LABOR-INTENSIVE TECHNIQUES IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE;
- (B) SHOW HOW RESOURCE ALLOCATION CAN BE MADE MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFICIENT IN ROAD SECTOR THROUGH INCLUSION OF LABOR-INTENSIVE TECHNIQUES;

- (C) SHOW HOW VARIOUS FACTORS MAY AFFECT CHOICE OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE METHODS;
- (D) SHOW HOW STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES OF CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CAN BE MODIFIED BY REMOVING ANY INHERENT BIAS AGAINST USE OF LABOR-INTENSIVE TECHNIQUES;
- (E) DEMONSTRATE VARIOUS TECHNIQUES OF ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVE CONSTRUCTION METHODS.

5. ORGANIZING STAFF OF SEMINAR WILL CONSIST OF SEMINAR DIRECTOR, SUPPORTED BY AN ILO CONSULTANT AS TECHNICAL COORDINATOR, AND TWO RESOURCE PERSONS. THE TECHNICAL COORDINATOR HAS ALREADY BEEN APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF 4 1/2 MONTHS COMMENCING IN FEBRUARY. RESOURCE PERSONS, BOTH TO BE EXPERTS IN AT IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, WILL BE SELECTED JOINTLY BY BANK AND ILO. SEMINAR WILL TAKE PLACE DURING MAY 16-26, 1977 IN MANILA.

6. TOTAL COST OF SEMINAR ESTIMATED AT \$119,316 OF WHICH BANK'S CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE \$33,500 APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS: PARTICIPANTS, \$17,550; SEMINAR STAFF (INCLUDING FULL COSTS OF RESOURCE PERSONS), \$11,600; ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, \$2,000, CONTINGENCIES, \$2,290. ILO/SIDA WILL FINANCE THE REMAINING COSTS TOTALLING \$85,816.

7. PROPOSED SEMINAR WOULD CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE PROMOTION OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN GENERAL, AND AT IN PARTICULAR, IN BANK'S DMCS. ALTHOUGH THE AMOUNT INVOLVED IS LESS THAN \$50,000 (AND, THEREFORE, DOES NOT REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL), THIS PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF SPECIAL NATURE OF PROPOSED TA. USADB SUPPORTS PROPOSAL AND RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE NAC ACTION.

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